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| Inventory No: | EAS.78 |
| Historic Name: | Cobb, Arthur H. House |
| Common Name: | Logan, John House |
| Address: | 600 Massasoit Rd |
| City/Town: | Eastham |
| Village/Neighborhood: | North Eastham |
| Local No: | |
| Year Constructed: | r 1840 |
| Architect(s): | |
| Architectural Style(s): | Greek Revival |
| Use(s): | Single Family Dwelling House |
| Significance: | Architecture; Art; Commerce |
| Area(s): | |
| Designation(s): | |
| Building Materials(s): | Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick |



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

600 Massasoit Road

ic Name

Present Residential and Commercial

Original Commercial

Construction Between 1831 & 1858

See Bibliography*

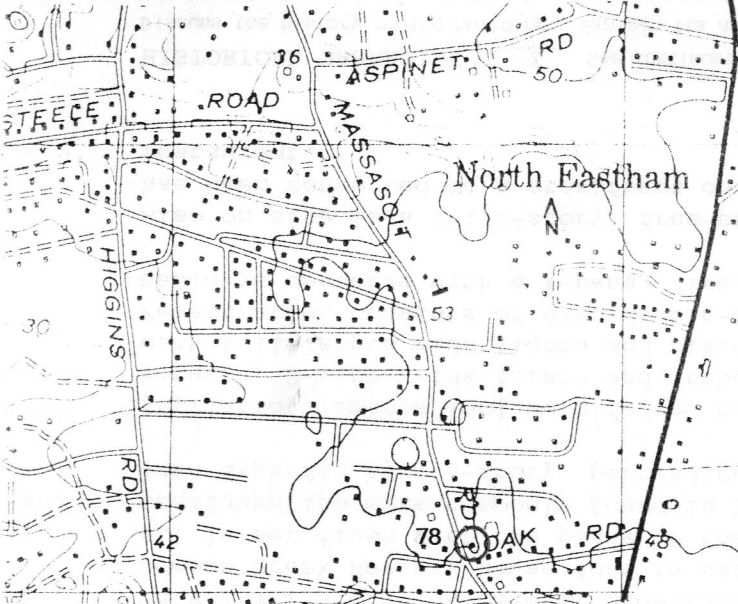
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Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Clapboard (Facade)
Shingles (Other Elevations)

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Barn/Store

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

2.06 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled, rural area near the intersection of Oak and Massasoit Roads.

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BUILDING FORM

600 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, gable-end, side-entry dwelling with lateral wing is the common Greek Revival house form in Eastham. The typically 4-bay wide, side ell is set flush with the plane of the facade rather than recessed in the configuration more commonly found in New England. The lateral wing has also been expanded by a 1-story, perpendicularly-oriented, rear ell.

Stylistic elements include wide end boards, boxed, molded cornice with returns, 2-part, wide frieze and trabeated main entry of 4-panel, wooden door with full-length side lights and plain pilasters supporting an entablature. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim. The facade gable is centered with a 4-pane, fixed-sash window.

Also on site is a 1 1/2-story, free-standing, shingled New England barn which has been converted to a storefront on the first level and is operated as a restaurant.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

According to research performed by local historians, part of the house was built around 1686, however, the site does not appear to be occupied on the 1831 Hales map. On the 1858 Walling map, the property appears to be ascribed to A. K. Cobb. The 1880 map of Eastham indicates A. Cobb still to be in residence. A report by Swobhan Cestaro for owners, Arthur and Marcella Cestaro, indicates the reference is to Arthur H. Cobb, who operated a general store next door at 580 Massasoit Road. Cestaro notes the property was purchased in 1907 by Tamzin S. Seaver. The 1908 map of Eastham, however, ascribes the property to C. Seaver who may have been another resident family

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

member, but is not listed in local secondary sources. In 1911, the house transferred to Cyrus Campbell who owned the property for just a year. Cyrus Campbell transferred the property to Charles Campbell who owned it until 1937. The remainder of the chain of title is included in the file. More definitive information on earlier owners will require additional title research. In 1964, the artist, John Logan, owned the house and decorated an interior wall with a mural. He also built a model lighthouse at the rear of the house.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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